

GULFPORT -- The Coast is one step closer to getting another casino after the Mississippi Gaming Commission approved plans Monday.

Plans for the resort call for a 205-room luxury hotel, a 35,000-square-foot casino, a 4,000-square-foot swimming pool plus three restaurants and decks overlooking the water next to Jones Park.

The theme of the casino would be based on the life of author Ernest Hemingway, and operated by Hemingway Hotel and Resorts.

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